(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The Government had taken the decision to enter into an agreement with the Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation, USA after a careful assessment of the present stage of the techno-economic viability and cost effectiveness of the indigenously developed process. At the same time, the Government will give the fullest support to the effort for the development of indigenous process on a commercial scale, and the investment decision in regard to the National Silicon Facility will be taken only after evaluating the results achieved by the production unit of 25 TPA being set up by the Mettur Chemicals.

Metkem Silicon Ltd. is in the start-up phase of their production plant. It is expected that the plant will be stabilized by end April, 1986. Hence data for techno-economic evaluation is expected to be available in May, 1986. Thereafter Government will take decision in this matter.

Harbouring of US Warships near Karachi

345. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the US fleet of Warships headed by the World's largest aircraft carrier, Enterprise of the US Seventh Fleet recently harboured off Karachi port;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to meet the situation arising out of it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL FFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government has been consistently against big power presence in our neighbourhood. Government continues to maintain a constant vigil over all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Pak Training to Terrorists and Extremists

346. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has set up another institute of guerilla war-fare at a Aliabad in Hajipur Bulge in Pak-Occupied Kashmir;

(b) whether terrorists and extremists operating in India have been given training there; and

(c) what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government have seen press reports to this effect. However, no confirmation is available about any intitute having been set up in Aliabad in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir for the specific purpose of imparting training in guerilla warfare.

(c) Government is aware of assistance being provided by Pakistan to terrorists and extremists and has, on numerous occasions, brought this to the notice of the Pakistan Government. Every necessary precautionary measure is being taken in this regard.